GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5146
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PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar factories have applied for loan from Sugar Development Fund for productionof Ethanol which have recently been allowed to be mixed with petrol upto 10%;

(b) if so, quantum of funds available under the Sugar Development Fund for this purpose;

(c) whether all the loan applications, particularly in Maharashtra, will be covered; and

(d) if not, the action proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): Funds are available under the Sugar Development Fund for this purpose. Rs.50.00 crores has been provided in BE 2003-04.

(c): All loan applications are processed in accordance with the Sugar Development Fund Rules, 1983.

(d): Does not arise.